

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1 of the specification, delete the title, "METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR SEALING TISSUE LEAKS" and replace with the following new title:

METHODS FOR CONTROLLING THE VISCOSITY OF POLYMER-BASED TISSUE  
SEALANTS AND ADHESIVES

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the first paragraph immediately after the title with the following paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/747,293, filed December 22, 2000, which claims benefit of the filing dates of U.S.S.N. 60/171,859, filed on December 22, 1999,; and U.S.S.N. 60/199,469, filed on April 25, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part of International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/14232, filed on June 23, 1999, which claims benefit of U.S.S.N. 60/090,609, filed on June 23, 1998, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein. --